## SEES BETTER TIMES AHEAD FOR WAR-CRIPPLED NATIONS

## Washington Man Writes of Indications of Rapprochement Between Austria and Czechoslovakia.

trust, co-operation and progress replacing the former hatreds of central Europe is expressed in a letter recently received here from Brice Clagett, a Washintonian, who, at present, is in charge of a committee that is settling questions pertaining to river shipping in Europe. He tells of a trip to Prague, where he attended a reception being given by the

ed a reception being given by the Czechoslovaks for the president of Austria, and there he found not secret diplomacy and bitterness, but a willingness of the officials to get together and settle questions in an open and broad-minded way.

During his stay he saw these two nations form an agreement on certain matters in a way that showed, not suspicions and "national aspirations" but a spirit of understanding and helpfulness that he believes is littly appreciated here. In his letter he says:

Goes to Reception.

"I was asked by the Czechoslovak government to go to Prague to sattle up a river question. When I got there arriving at the Wilson station (named in honor of the part blayed by Wilson in this new nation's independence, I was invited to a reception being given that night in honor of the president and chancellor of Austria.

"Zechoslovakia giving something in Prague—the old capital of Bohemia—of Bohemia, which the Austro-Hungarian empire spent generations in stiffing. Still more startling was the object of the reception. It was to mark the consummation-between one of the newest and one of the oldest nations in Europe of a rew arrangement for economic affairs, and for the peaceful settlement of disputes. That arrangement has been made.

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"The reception was held in the Prague Chateau, as it is called, the residence of the President of Czeche-slovakia, a rambling old building top-ping the eminence of a hill overlook-ing the River Moldau as it flows to-ward Hamburg and the sea. The

chateau itself seemed to typify the occasion. Once the residence of the kings of Bohemia, then theoretically a residence of the Hapsburgs, now the residence of the President of Czechoslovakia. What a past! I asked how the Hapsburgs had used it. I was told they hardly used it at all. The Austrians would not let them. It would have been too much a recognition of the Czech people.
"But now it was being used again, and the chief officials of the 'republic of Austria' were there only as guests.

Glittering Crowd Present.

"And I was told that other questions had been settled, not so quickly, of course, but in the same spirit of mutual accommodation. Coal for Austria; minimizing of passport regulations and difficulties; financial affairs growing out of the treaty of peace; reference to the league of nations of disputes; neutrality in case of serious difficulties with others. Surely a good beginning for doing away with age-long hatreds.

"Not that one meeting at Prague can wipe out suspicions and wrongs of generations; not that one agreement can put either Austria or Czechoslovakia financially on its feet. But if these two nations can get together in such fashion, there must be hope for the others, too."

## FRANCE PLANS UNIQUE MONUMENT AT THE PLACE OF SINKING OF THE LUSITANIA IN MIDOCEAN



A unique monument, the creation of the French sculptor Georges du Bois, to be located in midocean where the Lusitania was sunk, is France's suggestion for a permanent memorial "to commemorate the most inglorious act of the world war." The proposed monument, depicting a pleading mother and her child adrift on a raft, is to be placed over the exact spot where the great passenger vessel was torpedoed and sunk by the Germans. The sea at this point off the Irish coast is 120 feet deep, and it is planned to support the monument on a raft secured by cables to the bottom. Wires connected with the shore would enable its illumination at night, making it a beacon for mariners. Official conversations by France with the British government already have been started over the project. Du Bois, the sculptor, is well known in French artistic circles. He is also a famous swordsman and was at one time amateur champion of France. The photograph is of a sketch of how the monument will appear in place. Comparison with the fishing boat in the foreground gives an idea of its size, the figures rising eighty feet above the water line.

This coin as first issued, it is said, contained 264 grains of copper, the intention being that it should be worth 1 cent as bullion; but finally it was reduced to 268 grains and less.

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comforts of a decent living without being harassed by financial worries, no matter what the cost of living may be. The suggested plan of Representative McKenzie to provide a resentative McKenzie to provide a there will be any decision on the matter officers will have the opportunity to wear out their present coats. The contract of overcoat, if approved, may

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eminently fair and based on sound economical principles.

Army Laundries Show Profit. In showing a net profit of \$316.-35.61 in government owned and part given before the special committee of Congress touched on the same subject that will shortly come before the Gen. Shanks board on revision of the Army promotion list, namely, that relating to members of the Military Academy class of 1916 and those who were graduated in 1917.

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Reserve Corps Notes.

### A movement is on foot in the Dis-

According to the controller general, warrant officers of the Navy and Coast Guard serving on shore duty in Alaska are entitled to sea duty pay. He cites the act of March 3, 1901, which makes shore duty in Alaska "shore duty beyond seas."

Membership in the Navy Mutual Aid Association has been increased by the recent receipt of twelve applications, making the total membership more than 2.315. With each mail bringing in new applications, the

## **Work for Greater Washington**

Discussion of Activities-Past, Present and **Future of the Big Civic Organizations** 

Merchants and Manufacturers' Assn.

Federation of Citizens' Assns.

The coming week promises to be a busy one for the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade. Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock, at the New Willard Hotel, the chamber will hold its annual meeting. Ten directors, a president and two vice presidents will be elected. Monday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock the executive committee of the o'clock the executive committee of the board that organization, according to an that organization, according to an that organization. Secretary Arthur

o'clock the executive committee of the Board of Trade will meet in the board rooms in The Star building. On Tuesday the membership committee of the board will hold its regular meeting.

From all indications the annual chamber meeting will tax the Willard's ballroom to the limit. In fact, all meetings of this organization find a three-deep line standing in the back of the room. Ballot boxes will be erected, and at the conclusion of the business votes will be cast for the directors, president and vice president. President Albert Schulteis, First Vice President Isaac Gans and Second Vice President Isaac Gans and Second Vice President James T. Lloyd are practically certain of being re-elected. Mr. Schulteis has given the chamber a particularly able administration and will have no opposition for re-election. The same can be said of the executive committee.

George Farquhar, the new chairman, is out to smash the record set by his predecessor, Charles J. Waters, whose committee last year recommended more than four hundred members.

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authorities, places him among one of the twenty-five most brilliant minds in the United States. The best prev-ious record was 207 points in sev-enteen minutes, held by a Yale Uni-versity professor while an officer in the Army. Mr. Nolan was formerly a sailor in the United States Navy.

## Under the ruling of the Navy De

Under the ruling of the Navy Department a year ago, the courses offered by the Marine Corps Institute were thrown open to naval officers and men serving with the marines, and the dependents of officers and men of the Marine Corps. Previously only active members of the Marine Corps were eligible to enroll.

Gen. Dawes, director of the budget bureau, has consented to deliver a lecture in the near future before the Supply Corps School of Application. Government business methods, it is said, will will be his subject.

prospects of this benevolent associa-tion is indeed bright. Each assess-ment now brings in over \$5,850 with which to aid those in need.

In the retirement of Brig. Gen. Charles G. Long, U. S. M. C. upon his own application, the question arises, Who will be his successor? The situation is somewhat complicated, in that any one of thirty-five colonels of the Marine Corps is eligible for promotion. Col. Lincoln Karmany, now on duty in China, is the ranking colonel in the corps.

Hereafter the cost of transportation necessary for the return of strag-glers to their ships or stations will be checked against the straggler's ac-count. Furthermore, their failure to return to own command will result either in court-martial or immediate undesirable discharge. undesirable discharge.

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Secretary Denby, in his annual report, expresses the opinion that the bombing of the ex-lowa has in a way disproved the conclusions of the general board that "the battleship is still the backbone of the fleet, and the bulwark of the nation's sea defense."

Marines are needed for the fleet and for small expeditionary movements, is the gist of a diplomatic "conversation," now passing between the Navy Department and the Postmaster General Guarding the mails in unit formation and at naval expense is not Corps, is the opinion expressed in Marine circles.

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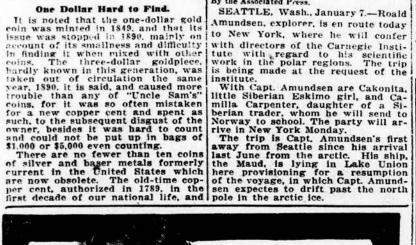
The coinage of the new "peace" dollar, of which only, 500,000 are to be issued, recalls some interesting facts on the various kinds of money formerly in common use in this country which

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